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War-blinded men enjoying a chat with Captain Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C., the Institute's Chairman, at one of the Institute's Homes of Recovery, where civilians blinded through enemy action learn to readjust themselves to life without sight.

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"America Lodge," Torquay, Devonshire.
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Home of Rest for the Blind from Raided Areas:—"Green Tiles," Bigbury-on-Sea, Devonshire.

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"Sunshine House," Warwick New Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.
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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

of the

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1941

In common with all forms of social enterprise, the work of the National Institute for the Blind has been affected by the War. The calm of its normal procedure has been disturbed; its gradual progress along familiar lines has been partially diverted; it has had to face unforeseen difficulties; it has been confronted with new problems. But fortunately this intrusion of the unexpectedness of to-day and the uncertainty of to-morrow has in no way dislocated, and only to a small degree impeded, the Institute's work; the problems, the difficulties, and even the dangers of the times, have enlivened the work, tested its vitality, revealed its ingenuity, and proved its capabilities under abnormal stresses.

Our Headquarters in Great Portland Street, we are thankful to say, still stand. When London became the object of heavy bombing, part of the office staff was evacuated to Chorleywood, and later a number of the Braille workers were established in Bournemouth. But the London premises still remain the active headquarters of the Institute's work.

In the provinces, some of our properties have been destroyed or damaged, including one of our Sunshine Homes, the Talking Book Recording Studio, a Branch Office, a "Blintraders" Kiosk, and the headquarters of the Home Industries Department.

The cost of removals and repairs occasioned by enemy action is but a single section of the heavy costs of war-time administration. The insurance of stock and equipment and the increased price of raw materials are other costly items, and the new tasks which the War has brought to us are neccssarily expensive. On the other hand, our supporters have stood by us magnificently, and we wish this Report to convey personally to each reader our deepest thanks for the generous and, in many cases, increased help which has been given in face of great difficulties and innumerable diversions of interests and activities.

It is beyond doubt that heavy times lie ahead. We have to expect ever increasing charges despite the strictest economies, and we must anticipate the long continuance of new activities for the war-blinded. It will be of immense value if those who support our work will make use of the forms in this Report, not only for their own gifts but to enrol their friends as our helpers. In these days of paper shortage we should like to think that not one of these forms will be wasted.

The War has further emphasized the vast importance of legacies. Thanks to them we have been able in the past to build up a small reserve, and this indispensable measure of prudence has alone enabled us to venture on the new undertakings which the War has necessitated. Only a small portion of the sums bequeathed to us has been allocated to this reserve fund; our ordinary income has never been adequate to our requirements; and the majority of legacies have had to meet current expenditure and the cost of new developments. We can therefore foresee that the continuance of our work during and after the War will largely depend on our income from legacies, and we trust that all our friends will remember the Institute in their Wills. Explicit instructions can be given that bequests shall be invested for the Institute's general funds, or the disposal of legacies can be left to the discretion of the Institute's Treasurers.

Before beginning our Report of the year's work in detail, we will briefly mention the restrictions to our work imposed by war conditions. We regret, first, the severance of the Institute's many connections with Institutions for the Blind abroad; in particular the cessation of the cordial relationships we had for years past with Institutions in France and other countries now most unhappily dominated by the Nazis. On the other hand, the War has strengthened our ties with American workers for the blind. Letters and cablegrams in great number have been received, assuring us of sympathy and offering help. The close bond of union between English and American work for the blind is in its small, perhaps, but real way a contribution to the alliance of the great English-speaking democracies.

The actual restrictions to our work caused by the

War comprise, first, some reduction in the output of Braille books and music and of Talking Books; secondly, the discontinuance of much of the research into the adaptation of appliances for the blind and in the study of such problems as those of the deaf-blind and the prevention of blindness; thirdly, the School Journey Centre and Children's Holiday Home on the South Coast has been put out of bounds by Military Order and we have had to reduce substantially the number of beds in use at other Homes on the South Coast. On the whole the restrictions have been of minor importance. The main bulk of the work has gone on, and in describing the work of the year in detail we report first on the very important extension to provide for those persons blinded by enemy action.

Homes of Recovery

The national scheme approved by the Minister of Health, for extending existing facilities of blind welfare to men, women, and children blinded as a result of enemy action, was described in last year's Report. That scheme is one of co-operation between the Institute and the Local Agencies in every part of England and Wales, designed to put at the service of the newly blinded the whole resources of blind welfare work throughout the country. The system of schools, training centres, workshops, home industries schemes, home visiting and local care, is comprehensive; it can meet every need which arises from war as from peacetime conditions. The Institute's task has been to co-ordinate local activities and to provide centres for re-habilitation and education in the methods of overcoming the handicap of blindness.

Three such centres have already been established under the name "Homes of Recovery." A booklet published during the year gives a detailed account of the purpose which these Homes have to fulfil. We shall be glad to send copies to any readers of this Report who are particularly interested. Briefly, a Home of Recovery is a place in which newly blinded men and women will recover, not only health but confidence in their ability to lead lives no less useful and happy than before. They are not in any sense hospitals; the atmosphere is not one of sickness but of healthy encouragement. Residents, when they have gained from the Homes all that they can give, will return to their own homes or to the care of Local Agencies, for training in occupations or professions.

The first Home of Recovery opened was, most appropriately, "Long Meadow," the house of our Chairman, Captain Sir Beachcroft Towse, V.C. Lord Nuffield, unfailing in his benefactions, made a most generous gift of £10,000 to Sir Beachcroft Towse personally. Later the British War Relief Society of the United States of America made a munificent gift of £9,000 for the purchase of a house at Torquay, which has been renamed in honour of the donors "America Lodge." A third Home, "Oldbury Grange," Bridgnorth, Shropshire, designed to serve in particular the industrial areas of the North of England, has been acquired. It is too early as yet to say whether three Homes will suffice for our needs. We know already of some 65 civilians blinded in air-raids. Not one of them will be allowed to face the future without every help which skill and perseverance can provide.

In addition to the gift for the purchase of "America Lodge," Torquay, the British War Relief Society of the United States of America has given £5,000 towards the cost of maintaining that house and other work of the Institute for war-blinded civilians. We are deeply indebted to the Society for its great generosity, and to all members of its Committee in England for their prompt and most effective consideration of our war-time needs.

It seems already evident that the number of blinded civilians will increase. Doctors are disinclined to certify patients as blind until all chance of useful vision is lost. Those who have already come to us are suffering, as was to be expected, not only from loss of sight but from other injuries and from shock. "Long Meadow" is already full to capacity, and experience has already proved that the duration of their stay must be rather long. "Long Meadow," with its spacious grounds extending to the river, is as quiet a place as could be found anywhere in the Home Counties, and the men and women who have gone there for treatment are rapidly learning to re-adjust themselves to life without sight, with the invaluable stimulus of Sir Beachcroft's personal example. "America Lodge," Torquay, is a larger establishment, beautifully situated in a place which is already providing hosts of friends and helpers. "Oldbury Grange" stands in beautiful country outside Bridgnorth, and we are already planning for its further use after the War for a second school for retarded blind children, a need which the marked success of "Court Grange," Abbotskerswell, has for some time past made evident.

"Long Meadow," Sir Beachcroft Towse's river-side house, is now a Home of Recovery for War-blinded Persons. The men find sawing a fine exercise once Sir Beachcroft (on the right) has shown them how to handle the saws.

On the terrace, in the sunshine, some of the newly blinded people learn how to make baskets, a task relieved by—

— the acquisition of skill in putting on the miniature golf course.

Homes of Rest

The provision for newly blinded people is not the only need arising directly from the War. The blind are playing their part with the sighted; the blind, like the sighted, have proved their ability "to take it." They, like the sighted, have been exposed to the terrors of bombing by day and by night. We have endeavoured, therefore, to find houses suitable as Homes of Rest for the Blind. A house at Bigbury-on-Sea in Devonshire, most kindly lent to the Institute by Miss Pearl Dence, has been a boon to some people from heavily raided areas. Our Homes of Recovery, so long as they have accommodation to spare, will be used also as Homes of Rest, so that the newly blinded people who have the first call on them may gain invaluable lessons from those who have successfully tackled the difficulties of blindness. If further accommodation is required, we shall take immediate steps to provide it.

War Emergency Grants Fund

This Fund, to help blind people affected in any way by enemy action in addition to the assistance given under Government and Local Authority schemes, has been established by a generous allocation made by Sir Beachcroft Towse from the gift of Lord Nuffield in aid of the blind in war-time, and a substantial grant from the Institute. The Fund will be administered by the Department dealing with Personal Services to the Blind, and no grant will be made from it without consultation with the Local Agency concerned. It will also work in conjunction with the Sir Beachcroft Towse Ex-Service Fund.

Fund for Societies Hampered by War Conditions

A Special Fund has been created by the Institute to ensure that voluntary societies in Special Defence areas shall not be overwhelmed by local difficulties in raising revenue. The purpose of the Fund is not to meet expenditure ordinarily met by grants from public funds but to assist Agencies for the Blind which have made all reasonable efforts to obtain an adequate income from voluntary sources but are unable, owing to evacuation and other special conditions, to raise enough money to pay for the services which must be rendered.

Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies

The Homes at East Grinstead and Leamington have been full throughout the year; in the Home at Southport there have been occasional vacancies. The Southport Home was demolished early this year by enemy action; three young nurses unfortunately lost their lives and two others were gravely injured, but the children were all saved from harm and, with the staff, have been transferred to "Whitfield Hall," near Hexham, Northumberland, which has generously been placed at the Institute's disposal by Mr and Mrs J. R. Blackett-Ord. It is hoped that the Home will remain here until the end of the War.

So far, two infants blinded in air raids have been received at the Homes. We hope that they, like so many other sightless little ones before them, will find in the Homes the way to happy and useful lives.

In the Nursery Schools at the Homes much special training is necessary. The difficulties are obvious: to the blind child there is little difference between the teacher and a speaker on the wireless; between gramophone, which can repeat music, and wireless, which cannot; between Cinderella in the pantomime, who can take your hand, and Jiminy Cricket in the talking picture, who cannot. A blind child cannot learn by observation that it is easy to reach a shelf if you stand on a chair; that, with both hands full, your shoulder can push the door open.

Most of the children are further handicapped by backwardness in speech, probably due to lack of vocabulary in the very early years. But they are keenly interested in words and much speech-training is given. They love piano play and the imitation of sounds. There is a boy at the Leamington Home, where the more backward children are trained, who when three years old was nearly certified as mentally deficient, but who now, at seven years, is a wonderful mimic of all the sounds his alert hearing can capture and who seems destined to become a maker of "noises off" for the B.B.C.

The normally intelligent children are marvels at make-believe. The day after seeing *Pinocchio*, they fitted themselves into the film and for weeks "played" in it. This ability to observe, absorb, and express is the most promising sign in their development.

Court Grange Special School

Life in this school in South Devon for retarded blind boys and girls has scarcely been affected by the War. None the less are the pupils keenly interested spectators of events.

Here are three pictures of the results of the expert and patient individual training needed by backward blind children.

At "America Lodge," Torquay, another Home of Recovery for War-blinded Persons, there is plenty to do in most pleasant surroundings. To learn to distinguish plants and flowers by touch is a fascinating occupation and lessons in typewriting and Braille writing can be made intensely interesting by skilful teachers.

Nine pupils entered last Autumn for the examination of the Associated Board and Royal Schools of Music, London. All the nine were successful, three with distinctions, three with credits. Two of the distinctions were in Singing, taken by the School for the first time. It is noteworthy that all the children were trained by a blind musician.

Eighteen months ago a boy with a terrible stammer came to the School. To answer "Yes" or "No" was a misery to him. Recently he volunteered to say aloud a prayer at a Sunday Evening Service, and he accomplished it.

Another pupil showed marked aptitude for music. He passed several examinations, and his crowning achievement was to obtain the A.L.C.M. Diploma, with an 82 per cent pass. He has just left the School for retarded children and awaits a vacancy at the Royal Normal College, where he will be well on his way, it is hoped, to the L.R.A.M.

Chorleywood College

The Summer Term at this School for girls with little or no sight was normal, but in the Autumn, when the big air raids on London began, several administrative departments from the Institute's Headquarters became resident in the College, and the School settled down philosophically to reduced space and the excellent dormitories arranged in the extensive and airy cellars. But the "invasion" has had its compensations, for the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the break in routine and contact with busy office life. The School has, in fact, received the invaders in an extraordinarily happy way, and we are most grateful to Miss Monk and her staff for the consideration they have shown for the Institute's staff.

During the year there have been eight new pupils, and the Preparatory School has passed on its first contingent of boys to Worcester College. Examination successes include three School Certificates, six Bronze Medals for Swimming, four Intermediate Certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society. Old girls have gained an Oxford Honours Degree in English and Certificates of the Chartered Society of Massage, and have responded to war needs as wardens, fire-watchers, nurses and social workers.

Worcester College

The number of boys at the College increased during the year from thirty-eight to fifty. The forty-five boys evacuated from Birmingham School for the Blind could therefore no longer be accommodated. Their stay at the College was, from all points of view, a very happy episode.

Speech Week and the Old Boys' Reunion were not held in 1940, but an Old Boys' Eight was invited to row against the College Eight in June; the Old Boys won. Races were also arranged with boats from Shrewsbury, Monkton Combe and Stratford Grammar Schools.

During the year all candidates for the School Certificate Examination were successful. One Old Boy has gone up to University College, Oxford, and one has joined the School of Massage.

There has been a considerable revival of interest in track athletics, partly due to the institution of a House system. The House system was introduced in September after a reinforcement of the staff; it has proved its value not only in the scope it offers for competition in games and athletics but as an important advance towards responsible self-government.

Massage Services

The War has had no effect on the Institute's School of Massage, except to spur the students to greater efforts to secure quick entry into a profession which will enable them to render national service of first importance. Attendance has been regular, morale excellent, and a special word of praise is due to the imperturbability of those students who unluckily found themselves obliged to deal with examination papers in the unfamiliar and unacademic atmosphere of an air-raid shelter. A characteristic of massage students is quiet concentration.

Splendid results were obtained at the examinations of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics held in June, 1940. All of the candidates passed in anatomy and massage, six out of seven passed in remedial exercises, and nine out of ten in electrotherapy. It should be noted that in the syllabus of this examination, short-wave,ultra short-wave therapy and inductothermy are now included.

Senior students obtain practical experience on actual patients at a large Emergency Medical Service Hospital, and at the Institute's Evening Clinic, where 3,736 patients have been treated and 6,789 treatments given during the year. The service of this Clinic has been continuous, black-out difficulties having been met by adjustment of the hours of attendance, and grateful patients have spoken and written most highly of the skilled and

These snapshots, taken at one of the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies, show you that the sightless little ones have all the charm, beauty and naturalness of healthy, normal infancy. "Who's Daddy are you?" asked one little chap as he explored the photographer's legs.

thoughtful attention which they receive. The Clinic is a real boon to hospital patients and workers in the West End of London.

The Eichholz Clinic, which is staffed by fully qualified blind masseurs and masseuses under medical direction, had a very difficult task to maintain its services at the beginning of the War, but in a surprisingly short time the decision to keep going was rewarded, and for some time past it has been busier than ever before. Many doctors have shown their appreciation of the determination which has kept open a first-class treatment centre when so many clinics have had to be closed. A number of doctors have been quick to take advantage of the "screened" facilities afforded for high frequency treatments.

An essential part of the Massage Services is the help given to post-graduates. Hospital appointments for newly qualified masseurs are secured, advice on the selection and equipment of clinics is given, and all professional interests are safeguarded. Several blind masseurs have treated war casualties during the year, and the many blind members of the Chartered Society's Massage Corps are ready at any moment for war work.

Braille Books, Periodicals, and Music

During the first half of the period under review, Braille production was normal. But in September, 1940, when the big air raids on London began, it was thought advisable to keep as many workers as possible away from Central London. Accordingly, while the production of all Braille periodicals was continued, the production of Braille books and music was reduced.

In February, 1941, suitable premises for a residential workshop were obtained at "Loxley Grange," Bournemouth, and the transcription of new publications was resumed at full strength. The plates of many new works have been completed, and the books will be printed and issued when the supply of paper needed for them is available.

The year's production was:—*Books:* 19,595 bound volumes, 13,726 pamphlets; *Periodicals:* 322,076 newspapers (and supplements), 165,936 magazines (and supplements); *Music:* 322 bound volumes, 3,694 pamphlets (equivalent to sheet music). The number of metal plates embossed was:—*Literature:* 18,136; *Music:* 943.

The Panda Series of topical books and light fiction is immensely popular. The demand far exceeds the limited supply. Outstanding items of the series last year were *The Battle of Britain*, *The Epic of Dunkirk*, *A Book on the Bible for Everyman*, *The Flying Visit* (by Peter Fleming), and thrillers by Agatha Christie, Jefferson Farjeon, and Ethel Lina White. *World Digest* in Braille is also very popular; issued in two Panda volumes each month, the edition has to be limited to 420 copies.

War Maps (Finnish, Baltic, and Mediterranean areas), War Thrillers (McDonnells' *Crew of the Anaconda*, Wheatley's *Scarlet Imposter*), and War Pamphlets (*After the Raid* and *What to do about Gas*) illustrate the up-to-dateness of the year's Braille publications.

Several hundred books which have been in circulation for many years, but which were no longer in demand owing to the constant supply of new literature, have been deleted from the catalogue, and the plates disposed of as very useful scrap metal.

Books now being transcribed are all first-class works likely to be in demand for years to come. To quote a Braille reader: "I find that we blind learn a lot more about good books than our average sighted friends."

The sixteen Braille periodicals have been continued, and weeklies, monthlies and quarterlies have reached their readers regularly without delays. In June, 1940, *The National Braille Mail* and *The Braille Radio Times*, absorbed as a temporary war measure in *The National Braille Times*, were again issued separately and have steadily increased in circulation.

In all periodicals, pamphlets, and Pandas a forty-cell line has been introduced. This means that wide margins are eliminated, paper is saved, and the reader gets more matter for his money.

The readers of *Progress*, the popular Braille monthly, deserve mention for two excellent national service efforts. They initiated the Blind Persons Fund, calling for subscriptions from readers of the embossed magazines for the benefit of civilians blinded by enemy action; and their Red Cross Knitting Competition brought in over 250 articles, all of high quality.

The number of complete musical works added to the already comprehensive catalogue was 131. These included pieces for the blind organist, pianist, vocalist, and dance player, and all kinds of examination music.

Moon Books and Periodicals

Production has been reduced but fully meets war-time needs. The figures are:—*Books:* 4,658 bound volumes, 6,615 pamphlets; *Periodicals:*

If you could see these three sturdy little boys striding up the lane, their bodies tanned by the golden sunshine, their limbs tingling for the tree on the bank which they're going to climb, you would never believe they were blind. "Sunshine House," where they live, is just round the bend, on the right, facing the green hills.

45,667 newspapers, 8,737 magazines. The pages of type set amounted to 12,309.

One thousand Christmas Annuals in Moon type were distributed free, 500 being sent to readers in the Dominions and in the United States. "We think," wrote a recipient in America, "that it is wonderful of you to think of us when you are having so much sorrow and devastation all about you."

Several orders from America for numbers of the bulky Moon volumes were executed, and that all books arrived safely is a modest tribute to the work of the Atlantic convoys.

A new catalogue of all Moon publications, in letterpress and in Moon type, has been issued.

The circulation of the four Moon periodicals has kept steady. One magazine, *The Lutheran Herald*, has been discontinued as the proprietors in America decided to print the magazine on their side of the ocean during the War.

The readers of Moon literature are mostly elderly people who, losing their sight in later life, find Moon much simpler to learn than the more complicated Braille. But to several young war-blinded people it has served as a useful stepping-stone to Braille; it has given them quickly confidence in their ability to read with their fingers.

Braille Manuscript Department and Students' Library

During the year 564 volumes, consisting of manuscript Braille transcriptions of works specially required by blind students for the professions, were added to the Students' Library, now amounting to nearly 16,000 volumes. The addition was below the average yearly increase to the Library owing to the call of national services on the men and women who voluntarily attain proficiency in Braille and undertake these transcriptions, but the circulation of books in the Library—3,559 volumes during the year—has exceeded the average, affording satisfactory proof that the War has not deterred the blind from their studies.

Although less in numbers, the energy of the voluntary transcribers is unabated. Mr W. Knight, for example, produced fifty-seven volumes in spite of being bombed out of his house. The task of transcribing books for blind students is no easy one; works transcribed ranged in extended difficulty from Ovid's *Metamorphoses* to the *Digest of Equity*. A Hebrew Grammar, needed for a long time, is the work of a brilliant new recruit, Mr Siegfried Barczinski, who is at present transcribing the Hebrew Scriptures. The Library now contains books in French, German, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Latin, Gothic, Anglo-Saxon, and Hebrew.

The theological section, especially wide in scope, has been transferred to Castle Grant in Scotland, through the kindness of the Countess of Seafield. Canon Barrett-Ayres kindly acts as Librarian.

The training of pupils by voluntary teachers continues. Of fifty candidates for the test, thirty-eight obtained certificates. There is a special course for war workers.

This Department has censored all Braille correspondence for the Postal Authorities since the beginning of the War. In addition it now censors all Braille literature coming into and leaving the country. The Postal Authorities and the Ministry of Information have expressed their gratitude for these services.

The Manuscript Department is now established at "Loxley Grange," Bournemouth, with the Braille Music Department and the majority of the Braille book transcribers. The house, formerly a hotel, is most convenient; the work is being carried on in a very happy community atmosphere, and in contact with the many friends and active helpers of the Institute who are resident in Bournemouth.

Talking Books

In the Autumn the recording of new Talking Books was violently interrupted. A bomb demolished the recording studio and production unit at St Dunstan's, Regent's Park, St Dunstan's being jointly responsible with the Institute for the production of Talking Books. A temporary studio was operating in January and since then recording has been resumed.

During the year seven books have been completed, five are nearly ready, and thirty-nine new titles have been bought from the United States. 25,700 books (approximately 320,400 records) have been circulated amongst the 1,300 members of the Talking Book Library in the British Isles. The Library now comprises 365 titles, of which 179 were recorded in England and 186 in America.

Recognizing a possible shortage of the needles required for playing the Talking Book records, the American Foundation for the Blind kindly raised a fund for supplying needles from America. One of the consignments has been received, but the largest shipment was unfortunately destroyed by enemy action while awaiting delivery on the quayside at a British port.

Lord Nuffield's generous annual grant provides

Lack of sight is not a hindrance to juvenile activity, physical or mental. Note how freely the girls at Chorleywood College run and skip and how neatly the little boys build; see how dexterously the Worcester boys construct their Meccano model. The group of Worcester College boys might be a group of boys at any public school.

the major part of the funds required; a further grant of £400 has been made by the Pilgrim Trust; and many users of Talking Books have helped with donations.

A welcome addition to the Library was the gift by Mr Alexander Duckham of ten copies of the recording of the Prime Minister's stirring broadcast of July 14, 1940, "The War of the Unknown Warriors."

Talking Book research has been discontinued during the War.

Apparatus and Appliances

War restrictions make it impossible to proceed with experiments in adapting appliances for the use of the blind, and extremely difficult to get further supplies of existing appliances. For example, cheap watches from Switzerland were completely cut off, and certain metals cannot be obtained. Where possible, alternative materials are being used and efforts are being made to get certain appliances from other quarters, e.g. watches from America. Efforts to secure exemption from the Purchase Tax have not been successful and the cost of articles has consequently increased very considerably, but so far the increase has not been passed on to the customer.

Despite these difficulties nearly all demands have been met, because in anticipation of them large supplies of articles and materials were taken into stock early in the War. For instance, with the help of the Paper Control Board, the demand for manilla paper for Braille correspondence and for book work has been met in full.

Exports in bulk to purchasers overseas have been maintained, and freight consignments of appliances and books have been made to Cape Town, Bulawayo, Toronto, Ghazir, Auckland, New York, Sydney, Haifa, etc., in spite of enemy submarines.

A machine which enables readers of Moon to write in that type has been a long-felt need. The first machine has now been delivered, and there are 100 machines on order. It is simple to operate, the characters being impressed one by one on a paper tape which can be wound round a card and sent through the post. The price will be approximately 25s.

A new embossed map of England and Wales measures twenty-two by eighteen inches, names are given in full or specially abbreviated in Braille, and latitude and longitude can be read. This map is the first of a series, but preparation of further maps has been suspended, as the premises of the manufacturers were destroyed by enemy action in December, 1940. Fortunately, all the dies for the new map and also for the Boyle Series of embossed maps were saved.

Other new appliances are a Telescopic Safety Style in brass and "Wire-O" Binding Covers.

Personal Services to the Blind

War conditions have increased the many and varied problems of the blind individual. Local Authorities are spending ever increasing sums on blind welfare, mostly on people in workshops and in assistance to the unemployable blind. But there are many persons unsuited for workshop employment who cannot be classified as unemployable, and it is mainly these people who are helped constructively by this Department.

It is almost impossible to classify the help given because it is so varied. There are ambitious and talented young people who require special education and training; there are people with all the skill, push and courage to succeed in private business but who have no money to launch an enterprise; there are men and women who have secured appointments but who cannot afford the special appliances for the blind which they will have to use in their work; there are professional men handicapped by gaps in their working libraries, by shabby clothes, by small but important necessities; there are people with delicate family or legal problems who are unable to purchase expert advice; there are budding writers who cannot get access to publishers; there are those smitten by sudden illness or unforeseen calamities who require financial help to tide over a lean period; there are old employees to care for. In face of the perseverance, courage, cheerfulness and accomplishment of the blind, one is liable to overlook the ever-present handicap of blindness. In hundreds of ways, many of them unsuspected by the sighted, blindness is always remorselessly a barrier, but in hundreds of ways that barrier can be overcome provided skilled and sympathetic help is readily available. It is such help that this Department is ever ready to afford.

All forms of help are rendered with the knowledge and co-operation of the Local Agencies concerned, as it is found that consultation enables much more effective help to be given and prevents overlapping of effort.

The major result of the Personal Services is the creation of a growing body of self-supporting blind

By courtesy of "Illustrated"

Blind men and women in the Massage profession have transformed their handicap into an asset. Their concentration on the sense of touch has made it delicate, sensitive and sure in healing.

At the Institute's Clinics fully qualified blind masseurs and masseuses administer all kinds of physiotherapeutic treatments. The pictures show a blind masseuse administering Faradic Massage and a blind masseur administering Wax Baths.

citizens, independent of public or private assistance.

"If it had not been for the Institute," writes a blind man, "I should not be in the position I hold to-day."

Not every one helped becomes entirely self-supporting, but "In 1928 you first sponsored my cause," writes another correspondent, "you have fought for me and stood by me ever since." The Department is the friend and guide of those who are, despite all difficulties, struggling to help themselves.

The War Emergency Grants Fund, administered by this Department, has already been described.

Homes for the Blind

The Institute's Holiday or Residential Homes on the South Coast have not been able to render full service this year owing to restrictions on visitors and the disuse of upstairs bedrooms in vulnerable areas. But the Guest House for Blind Women in the Midlands and the Holiday Home on the North-East Coast have been full, and many applications for admission have unfortunately had to be turned down for want of accommodation. The Holiday Home has become a more or less permanent refuge for blind evacuees from bombed areas, many of whom are aged and infirm.

At the Residential Home for the Deaf-Blind in Yorkshire those who have to endure the dark silence have continued to lead quiet but happily occupied lives. They are cut off from most activities and pleasures, but not from the active pleasure of helping others, and their busy, deft fingers have made many knitted articles for the Red Cross. In their own embossed journals, *The Braille Rainbow* and *The Moon Rainbow*, they show, too, a marvellous ability to comfort and encourage each other by a spiritual insight and a sunny humour which afford an amazing example of the power of mind over matter.

As young women are called up for national service, so the difficulty of staffing the Homes grows. The blind residents themselves have gladly undertaken domestic duties which they are capable of performing, but a number of them are aged, and however willing there is a limit to what they can do. There may be some readers of this Report who might care to offer us very valuable help by undertaking voluntary domestic work at the Homes, and we shall be most happy to receive applications.

A private house at Ventnor, named "Arno," has been left to the Institute by the late Mrs Fisher. It is pleasantly situated in a garden near the sea, and is fully furnished, in running order. It is at present vacant, but it is intended as a Residential Home for elderly blind men and women or married couples, one of whom is blind, of the professional class.

Employment of the Blind

The Institute employs about 100 blind men and women as regular members of its staff. The devotion to duty of employees of all kinds in heavily raided areas is a commonplace in these days, but perhaps special mention may be made of the calmness and courage of employees who, fully aware of the dangers around them, are totally unable to take instantaneous action to avoid danger. When the bombs are flying there is nothing more precious than quick sight and quick limb, yet our blind employees, lacking both, have invariably displayed the utmost sangfroid during raids and amidst the complications of their after-effects.

The work carried on by our blind employees includes administration, lecturing, teaching, money-raising, Braille transcription by hand and machine, Braille proof-reading, shorthand-typing and telephony, and kiosk management.

We have at present seven kiosks in London, each in charge of a blind manager. The kiosk at Brixton was badly damaged in an air raid and has not been re-opened; another kiosk sustained slight damage. The year has been one of extreme difficulty in retail trading in tobacco and confectionery. The tobacco turnover has been maintained, but the demand for confectionery is far beyond the very limited supplies.

Blind Home Workers

The Institute administers, on behalf of the Local Authorities, the Home Workers Scheme in the South-Eastern Counties and South London.

Despite the continuous air raids in this area the blind handicraftsmen working in their own homes have shown extraordinary courage in sticking to their jobs. In the early days a number were evacuated, but many have returned to share the dangers of their friends, and out of a total of 323 home workers only thirty-five now remain evacuated. In a good many instances, these blind workers have had their houses and workshops damaged, a few have been injured, and one piano

The blind secretary is equally competent as a stenographer and as a typist. Here she is taking down correspondence in Braille shorthand which she embosses on a paper ribbon. She tears off the ribbon and from it transcribes on an ordinary typewriter, producing perfectly typed letters.

Most Braille books are transcribed by blind machine transcribers from dictation by sighted readers. But here the blind transcriber is embossing the plates of a new book from a Braille manuscript copy of it, one hand reading the "copy" while the other hand operates the keys.

tuner was unfortunately killed. The staff of the Department has also carried on despite exceptional difficulties including severe damage to the premises at Reigate.

All workers, with the exception of piano tuners, have been kept fully employed. Production has, indeed, reached saturation point. Sales of goods by the Department have reached the record figure of nearly £21,000, representing an increased turnover of £3,700 on the previous year's figures. Piano tuners have suffered very severely, owing to the evacuation of many of their clients and the destruction of instruments in heavily bombed areas.

Co-operation

Friendly co-operation between the Institute and other Societies for the Blind, national, regional, and local, is strengthened every year by the representative nature of the Institute's Council (see page 2), by the Unification of Collections Scheme (see page 28), by *The New Beacon*, which acts as the organ of blind welfare in this country, and by the Institute's Information Bureau, which serves blind welfare workers throughout the world.

This year the friendship between Institutions for the Blind has perhaps been closer than usual. Many societies have had their offices and workshops completely demolished by bombing, and others have suffered severe damage, involving the loss of thousands of pounds worth of property. Nevertheless, with good-will on all sides and readiness to lend a helping hand, the work has continued and societies have quickly re-established themselves. Our deepest sympathies are given to those who have undergone these fiery trials.

Two national funds, the British Wireless for the Blind Fund and the Sir Beachcroft Towse Ex-Service Fund, were initiated by the Institute and are now affiliated to it. Last year the Wireless Fund issued 3,124 sets, making a total of 57,122 sets and relay installations issued since the Fund was opened on Christmas Day, 1929, by Mr Winston Churchill. Mr Ernest Bevin made the Christmas Day appeal for 1940 and brought in £10,816. The Ex-Service Fund has expended £1,846 in assisting 642 cases during the year.

A further grant of £75 has been made by this Institute to the Indian Red Cross, for the prevention of blindness in India, together with a special gift of £50, made to the Institute by friends of the late Sir Michael O'Dwyer, for work in the Punjab.

We have already commented on our particularly cordial relations with America. Typical of the many offers of practical help received from the U.S.A. and Canada are the provision of Talking Book needles, already mentioned, by the American Foundation for the Blind; the gift of £60 for the war-blinded from readers of the American magazine, *The Readers' Digest;* and the generous offer of the Montreal Association for the Blind to take and train a number of blind children should it be necessary to evacuate them from Great Britain.

In concluding this Report, we wish to record our deep appreciation of the work and untiring efforts of the Secretary-General, Mr W. McG. Eagar, and of the Staff of the Institute and all its Branches, in the cause of the blind during a period of exceptional difficulty.

To Almighty God we humbly offer our heartfelt thanks that our work has continued despite all the perils and difficulties of these present times, and we beseech Him always to guide and bless our endeavours to aid and comfort the blind.

Statement of Accounts

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

BALANCE SHEET, 31st MARCH, 1941

Liabilities	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account			457,032 4 10
General Purposes Fund—			
General Account	26,265 10 1		
Add Legacies	28,358 6 3		
	54,623 16 4		
Deduct Balance from General Charity Fund Account	8,750 17 3		
		45,872 19 1	
Add Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children—			
General Account	3,657 3 8		
Add Legacies	1,800 4 10		
	5,457 8 6		
Deduct Balance from General Charity Fund Account	3,564 2 8		
		1,893 5 10	
			47,766 4 11
Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances			28,463 6 0
Amount Due to Bankers			442 6 6
			£533,704 2 3

Assets	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Freehold Property—			
At cost or at valuation when given to the Institute, *less* amounts written off	57,223 11 11		
Leasehold Property—			
At cost, *less* amounts written off	59,426 12 6		
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—			
At cost, or as valued independently in 1935, *less* Depreciation	21,032 5 2		
			137,682 9 7
Investments at cost, or as valued at date of receipt—			
General Purposes	214,836 18 7		
Specifically Appropriated, (including £2,440 14s. 8d.—subject to charges)	28,326 5 0		
Endowments	35,694 14 5		
Endowments Specifically Appropriated	40,491 17 3		
	76,186 11 8		
			319,349 15 3
(*including Investments of the Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children totalling* £50,372 1 11.)			457,032 4 10
Stock as Valued by Officials of the Institute—			
Publications Account	18,432 16 8		
Apparatus Account	7,847 6 0		
General Stores, etc.	6,210 1 7		
Kiosk Supplies	1,033 17 4		
Home Industries	6,804 15 10		
			40,328 17 5
Sundry Debtors (*less Reserve for Doubtful Debts*)			33,440 7 8
Deferred Charges and Prepaid Expenses			2,902 12 4
			£533,704 2 3

Clement Davies, *Member of Council*
A. J. W. Kitchin, *Honorary Sub-Treasurer* } *National Institute for the Blind.*

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and, in our opinion, the Balance Sheet at the 31st March, 1941, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Institute's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Institute.

Kent House, Telegraph Street, E.C.2.
28*th July*, 1941.

Jackson, Pixley & Co., *Chartered Accountants, Auditors*

GENERAL CHARITY FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1941

Expenditure	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Braille and Other Publications Deficit			5,564 18 6
Apparatus Account Deficit			2,978 10 7
Home Industries Account Deficit			1,468 18 9
Eichholz Clinic Deficit			948 9 3
Expenditure on Homes and Schools—			
Massage School		5,861 16 2	
Blind Babies Homes		12,198 9 2	
Chorleywood College		6,773 2 3	
Other Homes		13,697 1 0	
Court Grange Special School		4,526 10 2	43,056 18 9
Worcester College Deficit (*see* page 24)			2,703 17 0
Worcester College—Grant for Capital Purposes			271 17 3
Payments to the Blind—			
Wages, etc. of Blind engaged in Raising Revenue		4,225 5 11	
Augmentation of Wages paid to Blind (including Wages and expenses of their sighted guides)	4,732 13 11		
Higher Education and Training Fees	3,010 19 7		
Assistance and other expenses on behalf of Blind Persons	10,974 12 2		
		18,718 5 8	
Grants to Societies for the Blind		703 12 7	23,647 4 2
Unification Agreements—			
Amounts distributed under Agreement (*see* page 28)—			
To National Library for the Blind	5,126 13 6		
To Other Participating Societies	35,519 6 10		
		40,646 0 4	
Amounts returned to Societies conducting collections		1,303 1 0	
Collections made on behalf of other Societies		306 16 10	42,255 18 2
Cost of Raising Revenue—			
Salaries and Wages, etc., Sighted		17,786 7 11	
Blind Canvassers' Wages and Allowances (*see* Wages, etc., under "Payments to the Blind" above).			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Postage and Telephone		4,161 0 4	
Rent, Rates, Insurance, Fuel, Light, Cleaning and Repairs		1,823 3 6	
Collecting Boxes, Bazaars, Lectures, etc.		3,620 13 1	
Flag Days		1,546 9 2	
Proportion of Head Office Expenses charged to Raising Revenue		3,501 6 5	32,439 0 5
Carried forward			£155,335 12 10

Income	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Subscriptions, Donations and Collections—			
Subscriptions, Donations and Appeals	27,978 1 4		
Collections, including Flag Days	77,183 4 7		
Receipts on behalf of other Societies—Contra	306 16 10		
Allocation from Greater London Fund	9,450 0 0		
Allocations from Blind Societies under Collecting Agreements	5,124 2 6		
		120,042 5 3	
Miscellaneous		3,007 4 7	
Dividends, Interest and Rents		7,768 8 11	
Amounts Received in Respect of—			
Massage School	5,022 5 10		
Blind Babies Homes	6,513 19 6		
Chorleywood College	5,875 13 5		
Other Homes	8,020 10 5		
Court Grange Special School	3,035 16 1		
		28,468 5 3	
General Legacies (*see* pages 26 and 27)	30,703 19 7		
Less Publicity	545 8 6		
		30,158 11 1	
Balance Carried to Balance Sheet—			
Deficit, General Account	8,750 17 3		
Deficit Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children	£1,553 2 7		
Add—Allocation, Chorleywood College and Worcester College	2,011 0 1		
	3,564 2 8		
		12,314 19 11	
Carried forward			£201,759 15 0

GENERAL CHARITY FUND—*continued*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..				155,335	12	10
COST OF MANAGEMENT						
Salaries and Wages including Insurance, Sighted	2,520	5	3			
Printing, Stationery, Advertising and Postage	345	1	7			
Alterations, Repairs and Maintenance	909	0	0			
Rent, Rates, Insurance, Telephone, Fuel, Light and Cleaning	857	17	10			
Travelling and other Expenses ..	683	16	1			
				5,316	0	9
OTHER EXPENSES—						
Benevolent Allowances	240	10	0			
Audit Fee, Legal and Professional Charges	395	17	2			
Pension Scheme Contribution ..	3,276	13	6			
War Emergency and A.R.P. Expenses	3,226	8	11			
Miscellaneous	620	17	4			
				7,760	6	11
LEGACIES TRANSFERRED TO BALANCE SHEET						
General Account	28,358	6	3			
Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies and Children	1,800	4	10			
				30,158	11	1
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION						
Freeholds and Leaseholds	2,234	1	5			
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	955	2	0			
				3,189	3	5
				£201,759	15	0

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward .	201,759	15	0
	£201,759	15	0

ARMITAGE MEMORIAL FUND

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
To National Institute for the Blind General Charity Fund Account (included in Dividends, Interest and Rents)	122	0	0
	£122	0	0

INCOME	£	s.	d.
By Cash received from the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers..	122	0	0
	£122	0	0

ARMITAGE FUND FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF BLIND WRITERS

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
To Amounts paid to and Services on behalf of Blind Writers	54	5	9
Surplus taken to National Institute for the Blind—General Charity Fund Account	52	12	6
	£106	18	3

INCOME	£	s.	d.
By Cash received from the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers..	106	18	3
	£106	18	3

BAILEY BEQUEST

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
To General Charity Fund for General Purposes ..	254	4	10
General Charity Fund for Assistance to Necessitous Blind	254	4	10
(The above items are included in General Charity Fund—National Institute for the Blind, under Dividends, Interest and Rents)			
London Association for the Blind	25	8	4
Barclay Workshops for Blind Women	25	8	4
	£559	6	4

INCOME	£	s.	d.
By Dividends on Investment	559	6	4
	£559	6	4

SALOMON'S BEQUEST

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
To National Institute for the Blind—General Charity Fund Account (included in Dividends, Interest and Rents)	497	0	0
	£497	0	0

INCOME	£	s.	d.
By Dividends on Investment	497	0	0
	£497	0	0

LEEDS EMBOSSED BOOKS FUND

Receipts	£	s.	d.	Payments	£	s.	d.
To Cash at Bank, 1st April, 1940	8	11	5	By Amounts expended on goods supplied to Leeds Institution	31	15	6
Amount received from the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers	47	17	10	Cash at Bank, 31st March, 1941	24	13	9
	£56	9	3		£56	9	3

Note.—The Capital Stock of this Fund is held in trust by the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers, and the dividends received and paid over by them are for the supply of Braille Literature, etc., for the benefit of the Blind of Leeds and District.

THE HENRY STAINSBY MEMORIAL GIFT FUND FOR THE BLIND

Receipts	£	s.	d.	Payments	£	s.	d.
To Cash at Bank, 1st April, 1940	58	18	4	By Amounts expended in Gifts	42	11	0
Dividends on Investment	63	5	4	Cash at Bank, 31st March, 1941	79	12	8
	£122	3	8		£122	3	8

Clement Davies, *Member of Council.*
A. J. W. Kitchin, *Honorary Sub-Treasurer.* } *National Institute for the Blind*

We have examined the above account with the books and vouchers of the Fund, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith, and in our opinion correct.

Kent House, Telegraph Street, E.C.2
28th July, 1941.

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Note.—The Capital Stock of the Fund, £1,807 14s. 2d. 3½% Conversion Loan Inscribed Stock, is held in trust by the National Institute for the Blind

Owing to the need for economy in paper a number of subsidiary accounts published in previous years, the net result of which appears in the General Charity Fund Account, are this year omitted.

Details of these accounts will gladly be given on request.

THE MOON SOCIETY

Balance Sheet, 31st March, 1941

Liabilities	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Assets	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account				25,989	9	0	Freehold Property } At Cost, *less*	3,000	0	0			
General Purposes Fund	1,365	19	10				Printing Machinery } amounts written off	1,170	13	1			
Add: Legacies	18	0	0				Furniture and Fittings	102	17	6			
	1,383	19	10				(at cost or as valued independently in 1935 *less* Depreciation)				4,273	10	7
Add: Balance from General Charity Account	332	11	6				Investments—						
				1,716	11	4	General Purposes	19,048	4	0			
Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances				802	14	3	Endowments Specifically Appropriated	2,667	14	5			
											21,715	18	5
							Stock as valued by Officials of the Society				1,325	0	5
							Sundry Debtors, *less* Reserve for Doubtful Debts				1,052	17	2
							Cash at Bank and in Hand				141	8	0
				£28,508	14	7					£28,508	14	7

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Jackson, Pixley & Co., *Chartered Accountants, Auditors.*

Publications Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1941

Expenditure	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Income	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock at 1st April, 1940				1,421	17	8	By Sale of Books	1,737	1	6			
Production Salaries and Wages				1,356	12	8	Sale of Magazines and Newspapers	801	0	6			
Health and Unemployment Insurance, etc.				46	1	5		2,538	2	0			
Materials for Transcribing, Embossing, Binding, etc.				306	12	7	*Less* Reductions allowed from Cost Price of Books, etc.	743	9	3			
Printing, Stationery, Postage, Carriage and Packing				226	18	1					1,794	12	9
Fuel, Light, Water and Power				91	7	6	Miscellaneous					2	0
Rates, Insurance and Telephone				41	1	3	Stock at 31st March, 1941				1,325	0	5
Repairs and Maintenance of Premises and Machinery				30	6	2	Gross Loss carried down				1,396	5	10
General Expenses				6	7	11							
Depreciation—													
Freehold	830	8	10										
Plant	130	1	5										
Furniture and Fittings	20	6	0										
				980	16	3							
A.R.P. Expenses				7	19	6							
				£ 4,516	1	0					£4,516	1	0
To Gross Loss brought down				1,396	5	10	By Grant, Local Government Act, 1929				1,875	0	0
Management Expenses and other Salaries				824	16	11	Net Loss carried to General Charity Fund Account				358	6	4
Travelling Expenses				1	13	7							
Audit Fee				10	10	0							
				£2,233	6	4					£2,233	6	4

General Charity Fund Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1941

Expenditure	£	s.	d.	Income	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Net Loss transferred from Publications Account	358	6	4	By Subscriptions and Donations				3	19	6
Gifts	2	6	0	Dividends	519	5	7			
Augmentation of Wages—Blind Staff	118	9	0	Income Tax Recovered	225	2	7			
Annuity payable under the Will of the late Miss A. E. C. Moon	20	0	0					744	8	2
Pensions Scheme Contributions	88	14	8	Rents				171	19	10
Legacies—transferred to Balance Sheet	18	0	0	Legacy—						
Balance carried to Balance Sheet	332	11	6	Miss Phenice Robinson				18	0	0
	£938	7	6					£938	7	6

WORCESTER COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND, WORCESTER

Balance Sheet at 31st March, 1941

Liabilities	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account	46,034 3 3		
Add: Grants—National Institute for the Blind	271 17 3		
		46,306 0 6	
Deduct: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 1941	2,703 17 0		
Less: Grant—National Institute for the Blind	2,703 17 0		
			46,306 0 6
Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances			1,126 13 5
National Institute for the Blind			1,335 6 5
			£48,768 0 4

Assets	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Freehold Property, Leasehold Property and Furniture and Fixtures: At net cost	30,205 2 9		
less Depreciation	1,157 2 8		
	2,290 6 10		
			33,652 12 3
Investments at cost—Endowments—General	3,000 0 0		
Endowments—Specifically appropriated	9,653 8 3		
			12,653 8 3
Sundry Debtors and Debit Balances, *less* Reserve for Doubtful Debts			2,461 19 10
			£48,768 0 4

COBHAM, *Chairman, Board of Governors.*
A. J. W. KITCHIN, *Member, Board of Governors.*

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and, in our opinion, the Balance Sheet at the 31st March, 1941, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the State of the College's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the College.

KENT HOUSE, TELEGRAPH STREET, E.C.2.
28*th July*, 1941.

JACKSON, PIXLEY & CO., *Chartered Accountants, Auditors.*

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st March, 1941

Expenditure	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Fees, Salaries of Teachers, Matrons, Servants, etc.	4,579 7 11		
Health and Unemployment Insurance, etc.	31 5 7		
Provisions	1,361 15 5		
Laundry	257 18 1		
Other Household Expenses and Sundries	85 15 6		
Rent, Rates, Taxes, Insurance and Telephone	334 9 4		
Fuel, Light, Cleaning and Water	605 11 6		
Printing, Stationery, Postage, Educational Books and Apparatus	154 3 10		
Medical Charges	100 14 5		
Travelling	131 13 3		
Renewals	92 2 3		
Sports, Games, Dramatics, etc.	63 15 10		
Teachers' Superannuation	180 8 11		
Special Superannuation	263 11 10		
		8,242 13 8	
Management Expenses	400 0 8		
Legal and Other Charges	53 4 6		
Upkeep of Buildings and Grounds (including Repairs)	458 4 7		
A.R.P. Expenditure	42 9 0		
		9,196 12 5	
Bursaries from Endowment and other Special Income (per contra)	1,248 13 4		
		£10,445 5 9	

Income	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Maintenance and other Fees	5,126 1 2		
Grant, Board of Education	998 11 5		
Donations	52 18 0		
Dividends and Annuities	292 5 5		
Miscellaneous Income	22 19 5		
		6,492 15 5	
Appropriation of Endowment and Special Income (per contra)	1,248 13 4		
Deficit carried to Balance Sheet	2,703 17 0		
			£10,445 5 9

ENDOWMENTS

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

(*See page* 19)

General Account	£	s.	d.
The H. F. Bailey Bequest	9,881	7	1
The Leopold Salomon's Endowment Fund	9,600	0	0
The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund	9,505	0	11
The Miss Constance de John Bequest	7,973	13	1
The William Brown Hextall Bequest	5,633	19	4
The John Rae Campbell Endowment Fund	3,000	0	0
The Nuffield Endowment	2,500	0	0
The Mary Shaw Bequest	1,483	1	10
The Hornshaw Endowment	1,017	11	0
The Sir Alfred Jones Bequest	1,000	0	0
The Donald and Rosie Alderson Bequest	1,000	0	0
The Hextall Fund for Blind Law Students	655	0	0
The Blind Social Aid Society Fund	502	12	5
The Mrs Elizabeth Kirkham Bequest	500	0	0
The Henry Eskell David Bequest	500	0	0
The Sir John Howard Bequest	200	0	0
The J. J. Crosfield Bequest	200	0	0
The Mrs Ralph Partridge Bequest	150	0	0
The J. W. Comben Bequest	100	15	0
The Dr Howell Rees Bequest	100	0	0
The Henry Ireland Bequest	100	0	0
The Rev. F. J. Hackett Bequest	100	0	0
The Louis Sterne Bequest	50	0	0
The Miss Mary Jesson Bequest	20	0	0
The Mrs J. Rainsforth Bequest	11	6	1
	£55,784	6	9

Guest House for Blind Women, Leamington			
The Harry Urmson Hayes Fund	2,014	3	10
The Miss A. V. Allpress Endowment Fund	889	10	0
	£2,903	13	10

Convalescent and Holiday Home, St Leonards	£	s.	d.
The Mrs. Jessie Elizabeth Laing Bequest	1,000	0	0
Chorleywood College			
The William Brown Hextall Bequest	2,999	4	6
The Nuffield Endowment	2,000	0	0
The James Gilbertson Bequest	500	0	0
The Miss E. W. Allen Bequest (After Care)	3,000	0	0
Fees Endowment Fund	1,200	0	0
	£9,699	4	6

SUNSHINE FUND FOR BLIND BABIES AND CHILDREN

General Account	£	s.	d.
The James Attfield Bequest	200	0	0
Blind Babies Home, East Grinstead			
The "Dancing Times" Endowment	2,000	0	0
The Hornshaw Endowment	1,020	0	0
The Mrs Lucy Block Bequest	561	3	11
The Mrs A. R. Edwards Bequest	477	10	0
The Miss A. D. Spiers Bequest	477	10	0
The Mrs F. Marks Bequest	450	0	0
The T. G. Sorby Bequest	107	14	3
The Miss Vaughan Chapman Bequest	100	0	0
The "Sunday League" Endowment	47	17	0
	£5,241	15	2

Blind Babies Home, Southport			
The Ernest Hallowell Barlow Bequest	752	11	5
The James Gilbertson Bequest	500	0	0
The Mr and Mrs H. R. Graves Bequest	105	0	0
	£1,357	11	5

Total	£76,186	11	8

THE MOON SOCIETY

(*See page* 22)

The Miss A. E. C. Moon Endowment	£2,667	14	5

WORCESTER COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND, WORCESTER

(*See page* 24)

	£	s.	d.
The Miss E. W. Allen Bequest	4,000	0	0
General Endowment Fund	3,000	0	0
The Hextall Scholarship	3,000	0	0
The Nuffield Endowment	2,000	0	0
The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund	250	0	0
The Blair and Forster Memorial Fund	200	4	7
The Swimming Bath Fund	113	3	8
The Himing Prize Fund	90	0	0
	£12,653	8	3

LEGACIES, 1940/1941

GENERAL ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.
Allard, Miss Mary Ada Ashmore	90	0	0
Anderson, Thomas Leslie	50	0	0
Angear, John	200	0	0
Arblaster, William George	945	11	10
Back, Mrs Eaton	90	0	0
Bayliss, Thomas	10	0	0
Belfield, Frederick	500	0	0
Bennett, David	45	0	0
Bevon, Samuel Peter	2,000	0	0
Blagg, Robert	20	0	0
Blake, Alfred	5	0	0
Bolton, Mrs Elizabeth	100	0	0
Bridges, Frederic William	100	0	0
Clarke, Thomas	300	0	0
Corney, Richard Edward	300	0	0
Cory, Arthur Charles	766	7	0
Cottrell, Miss Gertrude Maude Anne	2	2	9
Cradock, Richard Wilton	100	0	0
Dalziel, Lady Sarah Harriet	3,250	0	0
Deighton, William James	100	0	0
Dibble, Miss Fanny	50	0	0
Dugdale, Miss Eliza	45	0	0
Dunn, Mrs Emily Simmons	459	11	5
Edwardes, David John William	570	11	0
Ellerby, Miss Frances Mildred	870	0	0
Eraut, Mrs Clara Jane	249	13	0
Fletcher, Mrs Emma Marion	9	17	0
Ford, George Frederick	256	0	3
Guise, Miss Isabella Maria	18	4	8
Hall, Richard Herbert	18	1	3
Hardy, William	100	0	0
Harper, Mrs Henrietta Rebecca	61	0	9
Harrison, Miss Alice Margaret	3,150	0	0
Hawkins, Miss Elizabeth Mary	250	0	0
Hearle, Miss Florence Mary	100	0	0
Hellon, Miss Edith	500	0	0
Howl, Miss Effie Laura	50	0	0
Hughes, Charles Tudor	2	15	6
Johnson, Mrs Sarah Jane	50	0	0
Jones, Captain Charles	100	0	0
Jones, William	9	0	0
Kerslake, Miss Celia Elizabeth	920	19	11
Knott, Mrs Sarah	50	0	0
Lloyd, Miss Florence Caroline	25	0	0
Lomas, Richard	350	0	0
Look, George Thomas	279	18	1
Lugton, Miss Helen Duncan Knox	15	3	1
Mardon, Miss Eleanor	1,010	0	0
Marriott, Dr Matthew	500	0	0
Masterman, Miss Maude Augusta	859	2	1
Martin, Henry Charles	447	4	0
Melhuish, Miss Florence Amy	750	0	0
Merzbach, Edward	100	0	0
Miles, Thomas		17	0
Mills, Mrs Margaret	25	0	0
Montefiore, Major Claude Emanuel	50	0	0
Morgan, Miss Alice Ruth	14	7	1
Morgan, Miss Jane Isabella	1,011	14	10
Morgan, Henry David	34	15	4
Newman, Miss Margaret	100	0	0
North, Mrs Mary	23	1	8
O'Neill, Mrs Annie	755	3	10
Oswald-Hicks, The Rev. Thomas William	10	10	0
Parry, Thomas James	500	0	0
Payne, Mrs Anne	45	0	0
Perrin, Henry	2	2	0
Pitt, Mrs Margaret Jane	150	0	0
Platt, Mrs Agnes Ellen	100	0	0
Pope, Miss Annie	50	0	0
Prior, Alfred	4	14	6
Ray, Mrs Marian	2,235	0	0
Robson, Miss Elizabeth	185	19	11
Ruffell, Walter James	5	8	0
Scott, Miss Ann	10	0	0
Scott, Miss Mary	100	0	0
Shaw, Miss Rosa Anne	100	0	0
Skirrow, James Dickison	500	0	0
Smeathman, Mrs Lucy	14	7	8
Smith, George Bynon	100	0	0
Smith, Mrs Lucy	300	0	0
Spearman, Miss Margaret Isabella	50	0	0
Staniforth, Benjamin	105	9	6
Toller, Miss Edith Lilian		17	2
Trigg, Edwin	21	18	9
Urquhart, Miss Mary	36	2	0
Wall, William	100	0	0
Whitham, Miss Elizabeth	100	0	0
Wilkinson, Miss Amy Gertrude	10	0	0
Wood, Mrs Katherine Grace	651	1	8
Yeomans, John	153	0	2
	£28,857	14	8

LEGACIES, 1940/1941 *-continued.*

SUNSHINE HOME FOR BLIND BABIES AND CHILDREN

	£	s.	d.
Beatty, Mrs Louisa Frances	30	0	0
Gray, Mrs Mary Alexandra Louise	175	0	0
Howard, Miss Amy	100	0	0
Hunt, Mrs Edith Catherine	1,000	0	0
Jackson, Mrs Mary Ann	236	14	11
Leah, Mrs Sarah Edith	125	0	0
Lomas, Richard	100	0	0
Martin, Mrs Edith Lambert	50	0	0
Merrell, Miss Florence	25	0	0
Riddle, Miss Catherine A. G.	4	10	0
	£1,846	4	11
Together	£30,703	19	7

In addition, the following Legacies were bequeathed to the Institute during the year, and were Specifically Appropriated as below:—

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Wireless Sets for the Blind	£	s.	d.
Kennedy, Mrs T. S.	£3,000	0	0

SUNSHINE FUND FOR BLIND BABIES AND CHILDREN

East Grinstead	£	s.	d.
Hinchcliffe, Mrs Emma	£302	6	8

Southport			
Bamford, Thomas	75	0	0
Davies, Miss Jessie Maud	73	14	2
Larking, Dame Margaret	300	0	0
Riley, Mrs Jane Ann	37	7	0
Robinson, Mrs Louisa	100	0	0
Tomlinson, Miss Anne Linaker	200	0	0
	£786	1	2

GRANTS TO SOCIETIES FOR THE BLIND, 1940/1941

	£	s.	d.
East Sussex Association for the Blind	27	17	3
Todmorden Society for the Blind	37	8	8
Southport Blind Social Committee	160	6	8
Jewish Blind Society	120	0	0
Association of Certificated Blind Masseurs	175	0	0
W. R. Gasking Holiday Fund	5	0	0
Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind	50	0	0
Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf Blind	48	0	0
St John's Guild for the Blind	30	0	0
Manx Blind Welfare Society	50	0	0
	£703	12	7

UNIFIED COLLECTING AGREEMENTS

STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941

NET AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION:—

	£	s.	d.
(A) From Areas Worked by National Institute for the Blind ..	47,163	0	6
(B) From Areas worked by Other Participating Societies, including Greater London Fund for the Blind	14,574	2	6
	£61,737	3	0

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:—

National Institute for the Blind	21,091	2	8
National Library for the Blind	5,123	13	6
Other Participating Societies *(see below)*	35,519	6	10
	£61,737	3	0

ANALYSIS OF AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES

	£	s.	d.
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE—			
Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind .	900	19	5
CAMBRIDGESHIRE—			
Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind ..	581	3	2
CHESHIRE—			
Chester and District Blind Welfare Society	1,499	8	3
Macclesfield Society for the Blind	258	11	11
Stockport Institute for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb	356	10	2
Wallasey Blind Welfare Committee	50	0	0
CORNWALL—			
Cornwall County Association for the Blind .	757	8	5
DEVON—			
Devon County Association for the Blind . .	817	14	7
Home for the Blind, Torr..	60	0	0
South Devon and Cornwall Institution for the Blind, Plymouth	749	7	5
West of England Institution for the Blind, Exeter ..	601	3	2
DORSET—			
Dorset County Association for the Blind	515	17	10
DURHAM—			
Darlington Society for the Blind..	277	4	11
ESSEX—			
Essex County Association for the Blind..	742	18	8
Servers of the Blind League	74	2	6
GLOUCESTERSHIRE—			
Bristol Royal Blind Asylum and Workshops	1,551	16	1
Gloucester (City) Society for the Blind	271	14	5
Gloucester County Association for the Blind	1,719	17	5
HAMPSHIRE—			
Bournemouth Blind Aid Society..	226	11	5
HEREFORDSHIRE—			
Herefordshire County Association for the Blind ..	448	16	8
HERTFORDSHIRE—			
Hertfordshire Society for the Blind	1,690	10	9
ISLE OF MAN—			
Manx Blind Welfare Society	146	12	5
LANCASHIRE—			
Ashton-under-Lyne, etc., Home Teaching Society for the Blind	218	15	2
Liverpool Workshops for the Blind	3,116	19	0
Homes for the Blind, Preston	360	2	5
Oldham Blind Persons Act Committee	348	5	9
St. Helens and District Society for the Blind	364	6	2
LINCOLNSHIRE—			
Boston and Holland Blind Society	346	7	1
Grimsby Society for the Blind	219	10	7
Lincoln Blind Society	232	17	5
Lindsey (Lincs.) Blind Society	964	14	4
NORFOLK—			
Norwich Institution for the Blind	642	8	8
NORTHUMBERLAND—			
Newcastle Agencies for the Blind	1,849	18	11
NORTH WALES—			
North Wales Home Teaching Society for the Blind ..	213	14	5
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE—			
Royal Midland Institution for the Blind, Nottingham..	208	17	9
OXFORDSHIRE—			
Oxford Society for the Blind	584	10	10
SOMERSET—			
Bath Society for the Blind	221	1	5
Somerset County Association for the Blind	776	15	11
SUFFOLK—			
West Suffolk Voluntary Blind Committee	345	12	3
SURREY—			
Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind	742	16	5
SUSSEX—			
West Sussex Association for the Blind	521	4	11
WILTSHIRE—			
Wiltshire Association for the Care of the Blind ..	1,106	9	1
YORKSHIRE—			
Cleveland and South Durham Institution for the Blind	777	8	4
Colne and Holme Valley Local Blind Persons Committee	186	17	1
Doncaster and District Home Teaching Association for the Blind	326	19	7
Goole Local Blind Persons Committee	62	15	1
Harrogate and District Blind Society	339	7	0
Huddersfield and District Blind Society	281	19	5
Keighley and District Institution for the Blind ..	455	8	8
Leeds Incorporated Institution for the Blind	3,969	16	9
Rawmarsh Aged People's Treat Fund for the Blind ..	108	16	0
Rotherham Voluntary Committee for the Welfare of the Blind	210	5	6
Saddleworth Local Blind Persons Committee	57	1	0
Scarborough Society for the Blind	55	4	10
Selby Local Blind Persons Committee	120	3	8
Settle Local Blind Persons Committee	153	9	4
Thorne Local Blind Persons Committee..	24	9	8
Wakefield and District Institution for the Blind ..	316	1	1
Yorkshire School for the Blind	389	5	9
TOTAL, as above	£35,519	6	10

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to record the deaths of

Mrs Lili Bendit, a valued voluntary worker at the National Institute for the Blind.

*Miss Ethel Ruth Boon, for twenty-three years a member of the staff of the Music Department of the National Institute for the Blind.

John Joseph Crosfield, J.P., a member of the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind and Vice-President of the Hampshire Association for the Welfare of the Blind.

Mrs Danckwerts, a representative of the National Library for the Blind on the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind.

Miss Z. Ethel Grimwood, founder and editor of *The Braille Packet*, printed and published for the proprietor by the National Institute for the Blind.

*Miss Edith Caroline Howell, a blind Braillist and proof-reader, for over forty years in the employ of the National Institute for the Blind.

Dr Phyllis Margaret Tooky Kerridge, Ph.D., M.R.C.P., Lecturer on Physiology at University College Hospital, London, and a member of the Deaf-Blind Welfare Sub-Committee of the National Institute for the Blind.

Miss Minnie Knowles, for eleven years Matron of the National Institute's Home for Blind Women in Queen's Road, Brighton.

Alderman C. Lucas, a representative of the Association of Municipal Corporations on the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind and Vice-Chairman of the Institute's General Purposes Committee.

Stewart Macpherson, F.R.A.M., formerly Professor of Harmony and Composition at the Royal Academy of Music, and a member of the Music Consultative Committee of the National Institute for the Blind.

Alderman Major John G. Paris, T.D., J.P., a member of the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind.

Dr John Tate, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Ph., Medical Officer of Health, County of Middlesex, and a representative of the County Councils Association on the Executive Council of the National Institute for the Blind.

Miss Jean Everingham, Miss Joyce Hughes, and Miss Dorothy Powell, three young nurses who lost their lives when the National Institute's Sunshine Home for Blind Babies at Southport was demolished by enemy action.

* *Signifies blind.*

Broadwater Press Ltd., Welwyn, Herts.

To the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, 224, 226 & 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1.

I.....(*name in full*), of.....(*address*)
hereby covenant with the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND that for a period of seven years from the.....day of .....19 or during my life whichever period shall be shorter I will pay annually to the said Institute such a sum as will after deduction of income tax leave in the hands of the Institute a net sum of £.....(*figures*) (.....(*words*)) such sum to be paid from my general fund of taxed income so that I shall receive no personal or private benefit in either of the said periods from the said sum or any part thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this.....(*words*)day of.....19 .

Signed sealed and delivered by the said.....
(Signature of Subscriber)
in the presence of

Signature .....
Address.....
.....
Occupation .....

Witness to Signature of Subscriber

L.S.

NOTE:—*The first subscription should not be paid before the date upon which this deed is signed.*

(P.T.O.

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Tax on covenanted subscriptions is recoverable by the National Institute for the Blind in accordance with the following scale:

Annual Subscription to be paid by subscriber			*Income Tax (at 10/- in £), recoverable by Institute from Inland Revenue*			*Total value of subscription to N.I.B.*		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	10	6		10	6	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
2	2	0	2	2	0	4	4	0
3	3	0	3	3	0	6	6	0
4	4	0	4	4	0	8	8	0
5	5	0	5	5	0	10	10	0
10	10	0	10	10	0	21	0	0
21	0	0	21	0	0	42	0	0
50	0	0	50	0	0	100	0	0

If a subscriber who covenants for seven years is assessable for SUR-TAX he is entitled to deduct the full amount of his subscription (including the amount of tax) in his Sur-Tax return, and thus save the payment of Sur-Tax on that sum.

The agreement is terminable by death.

(P.T.O.

To the Honorary Treasurers of the *Date*.....19.....

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

(Registered under the Blind Persons Act, 1920)

224, 226 & 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1.

I have pleasure in assisting the Institute in the following manner:

	£	s.	d.
Annual Subscription		:	:
Annual Subscription increased by		:	:
Donation		:	:
TOTAL £		:	:

Enclosed, please find.....value.....

(Name) .....

(Please state whether Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.)

(Address) .....

.....

Cheques should be made payable to the "National Institute for the Blind" and crossed "Westminster Bank Ltd."

You can save yourself trouble in renewing your subscription in the future by filling in form 3 (*see over*). *You can, at no expense to yourself, increase your subscription to the extent of the amount of income tax paid on it by filling in form* 1.

Subscribers who have current bank accounts are invited to sign, detach and return to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, 224, 226 & 228 Great Portland Street, W.1., this Bankers' Order for the payment of Annual Subscriptions. After a record has been made, it will be forwarded by the Institute to the Bankers named. In this way all future trouble in renewing the payment is avoided, and the Bankers will pay the amount direct without further order.
This Order can be withdrawn at any time.

BANKERS' ORDER

Name of Bankers..... *Date*.....19

Branch Address.....

Pay *to the Account of the* **National Institute for the Blind** *at THE WESTMINSTER BANK Ltd. (Harley Street Branch, 154 Harley Street, W.1.), my Subscription of*.....*now, and continue to pay the amount*
(PLEASE INSERT AMOUNT IN WORDS)
yearly on the 1st of.....*in each year until further notice, without application.*

Signature .....

Address .....

.....

2d. Stamp

£ .....
(PLEASE INSERT AMOUNT IN FIGURES)

1941

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

Incorporated 1902. Registered under the Blind Persons Act, 1920.

FORM OF BEQUEST, No. 1

The following form of bequest is recommended to those who may be desirous of assisting the Institute by way of a specific legacy :—

I give to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 Great Portland Street, London, W.1., the sum of..... pounds

(free of legacy duty) for the general purposes of the Institute, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

FORM OF BEQUEST, No. 2

The following form of bequest is recommended if it is desired to leave the residue of an estate to the Institute :—

I give the rest residue and remainder of my estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever both real and personal and whether in possession reversion remainder or expectancy to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 Great Portland Street, London, W.1., for the general purposes of the Institute, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

NOTE.—Property of all kinds, including land of any tenure and also including money lent on mortgage and the securities therefor, may lawfully be given to charitable institutions by Will. The above forms can be readily adapted to such gifts by the substitution of a description of the land, mortgage, etc., for the words "the sum of ....."

Legacies may be left to form an endowment to be named after the benefactor or a nominee of the benefactor. In this case there should be added after the words "the sum of ....." "to form an endowment to be called 'The ..... Bequest'."

The form of bequest should be incorporated in the Will, which should be signed and witnessed as shown on the back of this form.

If desired, the Institute is willing to act as Trustee.

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When a Will has been made, and it is afterwards desired to benefit the National Institute, it will be sufficient if the form below is filled in, duly signed and witnessed as below, and carefully attached to the existing Will.

This is a Codicil *to the last Will of me*

.....*dated* .....
(*Name in full*) (*Date of Will*)

I give to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, of 224, 226 & 228 GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1., *for the general purposes of the Institute, the sum of*

..... (£.....)
(*words*) (*figures*)

free of Duty, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of such Institute shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this.....*day*
(*words*)

of.....19 .

Signed by the Testator / Testatrix *as and for a Codicil to his / her last Will dated*.....
(*Insert date of Will*)
in the presence of us, both present at the same time, who at his / her request, and in his / her presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto set our names as witnesses.

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(*Signature of Testator or Testatrix*)

Witnesses should sign here

(1) .....*of* .....
.....(*Profession*).....

(2) .....*of* .....
.....(*Profession*).....

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